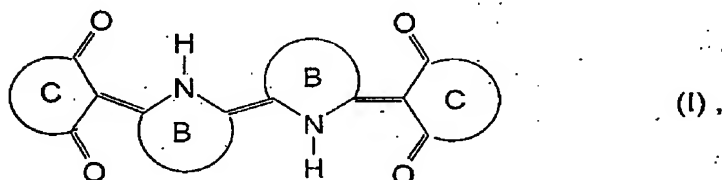


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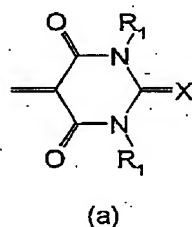
# Amendments to the Claims

1) (Currently Amended) A compound of the formula (I)



wherein C is of the formula (a) ~~an alicyclic or heterocyclic group having C<sub>2v</sub>~~

~~symmetry~~



wherein R<sub>1</sub> independently of one another are hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>25</sub> alkyl, C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>12</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> aryl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>25</sub> alkyl-(C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>)-aryl, a heteroaromatic radical having 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of N, O and S, -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>n</sub>-COR<sub>3</sub> and -(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>m</sub>-OR<sub>4</sub>.

In which R<sub>3</sub> is hydroxyl, unsubstituted or mono- or poly-hydroxyl- or amino-substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>25</sub> alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>25</sub> alkylamino, di-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>25</sub> alkyl)amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>25</sub> alkyl-C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> arylamino, (C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> aryl)amino, di-(C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> aryl)amino or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>24</sub> alkenyloxy.

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and R<sub>4</sub> is hydrogen or -CO-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>25</sub> alkyl), and n and m independently of one another are an integer from 0 to 6, and wherein in R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>4</sub> a C-C unit can optionally be replaced by an ether unit C-O-C,  
and B is ~~ortho-C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>48</sub>-arylene~~ ortho-phenylene.

2) (Cancelled)

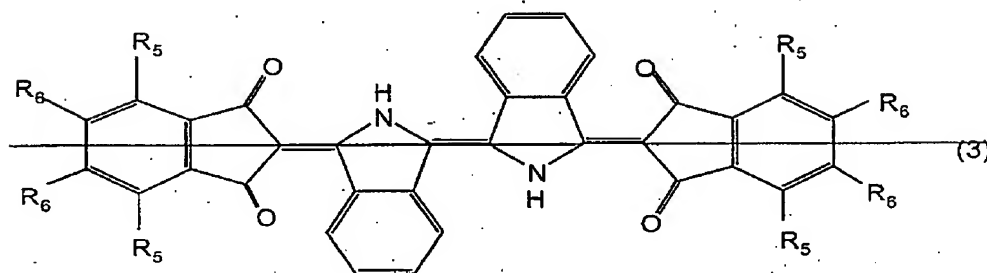
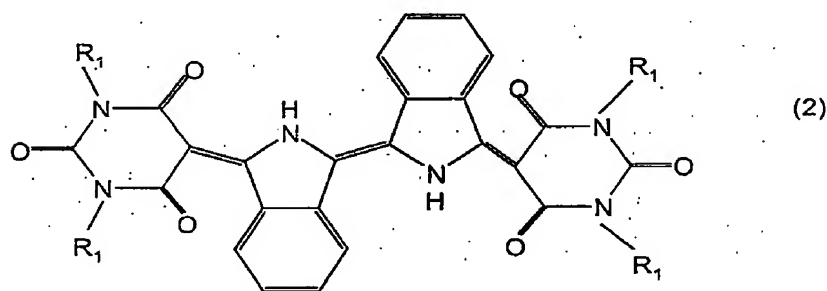
3) (Cancelled)

4) (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in one claim 1, wherein R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> ~~are~~ is identical or different and ~~are~~ is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl, benzyl, C<sub>5</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> cycloalkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aryl, pyridyl, pyrrol, thienyl, imidazolyl, oxazolyl, thiazolyl, pyrimidyl, hydroxycarbonyl-C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkoxy carbonyl-C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl, aminocarbonyl-C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkylaminocarbonyl-C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl, C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> arylaminocarbonyl-C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl)-aminocarbonyl-C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl-C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-arylaminocarbonyl-C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl or di(C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-aryl)-aminocarbonyl-C<sub>0</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> alkyl.

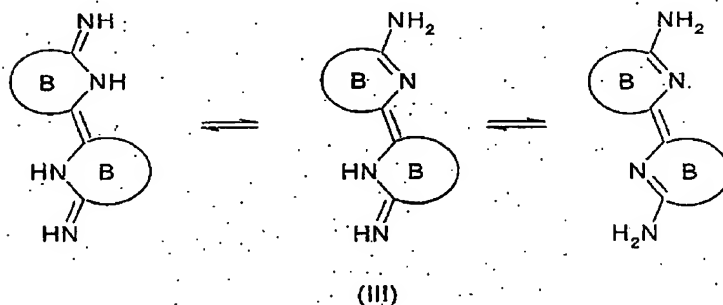
5) (Cancelled)

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6) (Currently Amended) A compound as claimed in claim 3<sub>1</sub>, wherein the compound of formula (I) is of the formula (2) or (3)

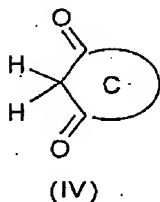


7) (Previously Presented) A process for preparing a compound as claimed in claim 1, comprising the step of condensing a compound of the formula (III)



with at least 2 mole equivalents of a cyclic compound of the formula (IV)

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8) (Cancelled)

9) (Previously Presented) A composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein the composition is in the form of a oil-based paint water-based paint, varnish, camouflage paint, spin colored article, plastic, printing ink, colored paper, colored seed, powder coating material, ink jet ink, microemulsion ink or hot melt process ink.

10) (Previously Presented) A colorant for electrophotographic toners, electrophotographic developers or electronic inks comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1.

11) (Cancelled)

12) (Previously Presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1, wherein n and m independently of one another are 1 to 4.

13) (Cancelled)

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14) (Previously Presented) An optical layer for optical data storage comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1.

15) (Previously Presented) A color filter comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1.